as settled by the Tribunal, the Tribunal is also required to make the award relating to the following aspects of the terms and conditions of the employees of AI and IA for the period 1.9.90 onwards for a period of 5 years:

(a) Revised Pay scales and fixation of pay in the revised scales.

(b) Compensatory and other allowances, excluding Dearness Allowance.

(c) Hours of work.

(d) Shift working otherwise than in accordance with standing orders.

(e) Classification by grades.

(f) Rationalisation.

2. Dispute referred for adjudication on 2.4.1993

Terms of Reference

Whether the Indian Flight Engineers' Association (IFEA) is justified in demanding :

(a) a second flight engineer on long-haul flights exceeding 9 (nine) hours that are operated with an additional commander;

(b) Compensation based on their claim for integration of Cockpit crew of Air India Boeing 747 and Air Bus 300 aircrafts; and

(c) provision of full wing on their uniform instead of half wing as at present;

If so, to what relief the workmen are entitled to?

3. Industrial dispute referred for adjudication on 19.10.1993

Terms of Reference

"Whether the demand of the Air-India Cabin Crew Association for payment of any allowance or suitable monetary compensation for operating non-stop flights on India/UK Sector is justified? If so, to what relief are workmen entitled?"

In respect of the industrial dispute referred for adjudication on 2.4.1993, the National Tribunal gave an award on 27.7.1994 in respect of parts (a) and (c) of the terms of reference. The award has already been published in the Gazette on 1-10-1994. Awards in respect of other issues are still pending.

As the matter is subjudice, it is not possible to indicate a time frame by which the issues are likely to be finalised.

[Translation]

Satyajeet Ray Film Institute

1019. SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of Satyajeet Ray Film Institute at Calcutta, West Bengal;

(b) the actual programme of the Institute;

(c) whether the Government propose to modernise this institute; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). The project for setting up of Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute (SRFTI) at Calcutta was approved in September, 1992. The civil works of he project are in progress and are likely to be completed by the end of 1996-97. The institute would initially start diploma courses in four disciplines, namely, Direction, Motion Picture Photography, Editing and Sounds Recording from the academic session beginning from 2.9.1996. The remaining courses in five more disciplines, namely, Acting, Art Direction, Computer Graphics & Animation, Systems Engineering & Maintenance and Make-Up would be started as and when all the civil works have been completed and the necessary training infrastructure provided.

(c) and (d). The modernisation of an institute is a continuous process and is carried out depending upon its requirements and subject to availability of funds.

[English]

Commissioning of High Power TV Transmitters

1020. COL. SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(b) whether the High Power TV transmitters in Chohtan, district Barmer and Ramgarh, district Jaisalmer in Rajasthan has been completed, and

(b) if so, the time by which these transmitters are likely to be made operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C M IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b) The High Power TV transmitters at Ramgarh in Jaisalamer (10KW) and Chohtan in Barmer (1KW interim set up with temporary tower) are technically ready and would be commissioned as soon as staff sanctions for the projects are received

Steps to Boost Revenue

1021. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have asked Air India to take adequate steps with a view to boosting revenue; and

(b) if so, the details of the guidelines issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). To improve its financial

performance, Air India has been advised to take steps to intensify its marketing efforts, increase capacity, reduce non-operaing costs and to improve its product, image and on time performance.

Approval to Foreign Investment Projects

1022. SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign investment projects connected with tourism approved upto December 31.1995;

(b) the total foreign investment involved in these projects; and

(c) the amount of foreign investment which has actually been made till date?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) 93 proposals in hotel and tourism sector involving an amount of Rs 1896.39 Crores have been approved from Septemeber 1991 to December, 1995

(c) The actual inflow of foreign investment till May, 1996 is Rs.87.18 crores

Price Rise in Consumer Items

1023. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state

(a) whether the cost of various consumer items has registered a steep rise following the rise in the administrative prices of petrol and petroleum products and

(b) if so, the extent of rise on the items consumed by a common man?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) and (b) The Ministry has been monitoring the retail prices of selected essential commodities on daily basis at 18 selected centres. On the basis of available statistics, thre has been only a negligible variation in the retail prices of a few commodities at several centres during last 10 days

[Translation]

Telephone exchanges in Rajasthan

1024. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) the capacity of telephone exchanges in Rajasthan at present, district-wise;

(b) the details of the telephone exchanges in terms of their technique, district-wise;

(c) the proposed remodelling of exchanges as also of increasing their capacity to cater to the increasing requirements;

(d) the number of rural and urban public telephones and those with STD facility are operating in Rajasthan at present alongwith the number of PCOs proposed to be added to the existing PCOs during the year, district-wise;

(e) the names of the rural and urban areas where new electronic exchanges are proposed to be set up, district-wise;

(f) the basis on which telecommunications Committees are constituted; and

(g) the reasons for non-inclusion of local people representatives, Members of Parliament in it?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) The total capacity of telephone exchanges in Rajasthan is 6,38,435. The district-wise details of capacity of exchanges and the number of exchanges of each technology are enclosed in statement-I.

(c) Out of 13 Electo-Mechanical exchanges 12 are planned to be replaced in a phased manner.

During the year 1996-97, 1,51,300 lines of net exchanges capacity is planned to be added to cater the increased demand.

(d) There are 23,531 PCOs in Rajashtan out of which 6,953 are with STD. The district-wise details of rural and urban and number of PCOs proposed to be added during the year are enclosed in statement-II.

(e) The district-wise details of new main electronic exchanges to be set up in urban aras is enclosed at Annexure-C. A total of 155 small exchanges will also be added in rural areas depending upon the demand forecast and availability of suitable land and building for the exchanges.

(f) and (g) Telephone Advisory Committees are constituted one for each Metro Telephone District Telecom Circle and one for each secondary switching Areas headed by GM/Telecom District Manager. Nominations to these committees are made by the Ministry of Communications by taking into account the recommendations made by the Heads of Circles, M.Ps and various local bodies. The representations received from the local people representing the various interests of the society are also considered. However, the Hon'ble Members of Parliament are nominated by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs. Hence, the question of not including the local representatives does not arise.